(ख) साबरमती नदी के बारे में गुजरात राज्य सरकार से प्रस्ताव फरवरी, 1994 में प्राप्त हुआ था ।

Poachers' Gangs in Madhya Pradesh

4533. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Tribune of April 3, 1995, captioned, "Poachers on Killing spree in Madhya Pradesh".

(b) if so, whether Government have since caused a probe into the alleged operation of organised gangs of poachers, trading in tiger bones, panther skins and hides of antelepes and deer, with international remlfications; if so, that outcome thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Tiger Cell under the chairmanship of I. G. Police (Crime) has been set up by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to ensure coordination between the Forests and Police personnel to investigate against poachers and ensure steps to prevent poaching. Some seizures and arrests have already taken place.

(c) The Government of India and the State Government of Madhya Pradesh are committed to ensure protection of the wildlife and their habitat and they are colloborating with each other to ensure effective functioning of this cell.

Definition of Protect Area Management

4534. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the definition of Protected Area Management in policy formulation;

(b) whether this implies that normal life in Protected Areas should be avoided;

(c) in how many sanctuaries and protected areas people have been driven out; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Protected Area Management refers to the process by which natural landscapes which are significant for their ecological, biodiversity or geomorphological values are designated as protected areas for protection, development and management. Under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 two types of protected areas are designated viz., "Sanctuary" and "National Park".

(b) While it is necessary that all human rights in respect of lands proposed to be included in a national park have to be acquired by the State Governments, these rights can be allowed to continue in the case of a sanctuary, provided the Collector in consultation with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State is satisfied during the process of settlement of rights that such continuance will not have any adverse effect on the sanctuary concerned.